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Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1 (currently amended). A sleeve assembly for receiving and protecting elongated items within a duct, said sleeve assembly comprising:

a plurality of separate and independent sleeves positioned lengthwise adjacent to one another, each said sleeve comprising:

a sidewall surrounding and defining a central space, at least one of said sidewalls having a weave density of 25 to 35 dents per inch by 25 to 35 picks per inch, said sidewall being formed from a plurality of warp filamentary members interwoven with a plurality of weft filamentary members, said warp and said weft filamentary members consisting essentially of polyester monofilaments, said weft filamentary members being resiliently biased radially outwardly so as to resiliently maintain said sleeve in an open configuration, said warp monofilaments have a diameter of about 0.35 mm, said weft monofilaments have a diameter of about 0.25 mm;

a pull cord positioned within said central space and extending lengthwise of said sleeve; and

said assembly further including means for simultaneously drawing said plurality of sleeves through said duct.

2 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 1, further comprising an outer jacket surrounding said plurality of sleeves and extending lengthwise there along, said jacket having an inwardly facing surface engaging said sidewalls of said sleeves, said inwardly facing surface comprising said

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means for simultaneously drawing said plurality of sleeves through said duct.

3 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 2, wherein said jacket comprises a plurality of interlaced filamentary members.

Claim 4 (canceled).

5 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 3, wherein said filamentary members comprising said jacket are interlaced by weaving, said jacket being sized so as to forcibly engage said resiliently biased sidewalls of said sleeves substantially along their lengths, said jacket having a cross-sectional profile substantially conforming to said sidewalls.

Claims 6-9 (canceled).

10 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said filamentary members are woven in a pattern selected from the group consisting of satin, sateen and twill weaves.

Claims 11-13 (canceled).

14 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 1, wherein one of said warp and said weft filamentary members comprise polyester.

15 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 14, wherein one of said warp and said weft filamentary members further comprise nylon.

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16 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 14, wherein one of said warp and said weft filamentary members further comprise polypropylene.

17 (original). A sleeve assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said warp and weft filamentary members comprise aramid filaments selected from the group consisting of nylon, polyphenylene sulfide, polyvinylidene fluoride, and copolymers of ethylene and chlorotrifluoroethylene.

Claims 18-31 (canceled).